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SUBJECT: NAPLES POLITICS

1. WITH THE DECISION ON THE NAPLES CITY BUDGET TO BE MADE ON OR ABOUT MARCH SECOND, IT IS TIMELY TO ALERT THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT ON THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THIS IMPORTANT DECISION. I SEE FOUR ALTERNATIVES WHICH, OWING TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION HERE, COULD EITHER PRECEDE OR FOLLOW THE DECISION ON THE BUDGET.

- A. LAICAL GIUNTA.
- B. CONTINUATION OF PRESENT MINORITY LEFTIST GIUNTA.
- C. MAJORITY LEFTIST GIUNTA.
- D. "CONSTITUTIONAL ARC" GIUNTA SUPPORTED BY ALL PARTIES EXCEPT MSI.

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2. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE (LAICAL GIUNTA) WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE ONE HEADED BY PRI PROFESSOR GALASSO WHICH CAME WITHIN AN EYELASH OF BEING APPROVED AFTER THE JUNE 15 ELECTIONS. PROF. GALASSO, VICE MAYOR AR PINO (PSI), PSI CAPOGRUPPO FAUSTO CORACE ARE THE LEADING ANDIDATES WHO COULD HEAD UP THIS GIUNTA.

. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT LEFTIST MINORITY GIUNTA WITH EITHER MAYOR VALENZI CONTINUING IN OFFICE OR A PSI CANDIDATE TAKING OVER. THIS OPTION WOULD RESULT FROMTHE INABILITY TO FORM A MAJORITY GIUNTA BY COMBINATION OF

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. A THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A MAJORITY LEFTIST GIUNTA LEAD BY THEPCI AND PSI SUPPORTED BY THE PSDI, PRI AND DEFECTORS FROM THE DC. THEPARTY SECRETARIES OF BOTH THE PCI AND THE PSI HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE ELICITED SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FROM OTHER PARTIES TO FORM SUCH A MAJORITY GIUNTA.

. A "CONSTITUTIONAL ARC" GIUNTA IS THE FOURTH POSSIBILITY. IF IT COMESTO THIS, THE GIUNTA WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE THREE INDEPENDENTS WHO RAN AND WERE ELECTED ON THE PCI SLATE. THIS TYPE OF GIUNTA, HOWEVER, WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY ONLY IF ALL THE PARTIES (EXCEPT MSI) APPROVED A PROGRAM IN ADVANCE. IT WOULD LIKELY BE HEADED BY A

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SOCIALIST OR REPUBLICAN. THE PARTIES WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF REPORTING THE GIUNTA DIRECTLY OR FROM THE OUTSIDE. COLANTONIO
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